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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit certain documents cited in a Search Report dated May 23, 2003 in the corresponding European application in conformance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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